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Council/PH Committee (*) Budget
Agenda Item (*) Bill 10 (2015)
Your position on the matter (*) Support
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Written Testimony

I am writing in strong support of Bill 10 (2015) which is being heard before the Budget Committee on March 4, 2015. If there is one thing we have learned as we explore alternative forms of transportation for Oahu it is that there are no silver bullets; no single solutions to the complex and growing problems of punishing traffic congestion, rising transportation costs, time wasted in lengthy commutes and stress due to traffic. A multi-modal traffic system that incorporates a variety of traditional and non-traditional choices offers the best chance to overcome the challenges noted above. • Car sharing is an option which augments other transportation modalities in creating a better overall transportation environment. In particular, car sharing offers specific benefits including those listed below: • People who need to drive infrequently can choose to car share as a cost effective alternative to private car ownership. • Part-time car usage through sharing complements and the use of other forms of public transportation. Together with rail and bus services, car sharing creates an array of travel options for the resident depending on the purpose and characteristics of the

specific trip. • Car sharing is an especially good fit in Kakaako and at Transit Oriented Development sites where pressure has grown to eliminate private parking spaces in order to incent developers to create more affordable housing projects. • Shared cars mean fewer individually-owned cars on the road which is good for greenhouse emissions, for traffic congestion and for petroleum consumption. • It's a great fit for the convenient, live – work - play lifestyle planned for metro Honolulu's future. Car sharing has a proven track record of success. It can be a positive addition to our new urban lifestyle. While there is always some trepidation when new ideas are introduced and there are always details to be worked through, the benefits that can accrue from car sharing make it worthwhile to pursue the 36-month pilot program for our island home and I humbly request your full consideration of this measure. Thank you. Sincerely, Tom McLaughlin Neighborhood Resident

**Testimony
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